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POLITICAL

1. Joint Uruguay/Argentina Declaration Establishing Exterior Limits of Rio de la Plata.

After 130 years of imprecision in the matter, the governments of Argentina and Uruguay on January 30, signed a declaration firmly establishing the exterior limits of the Rio de la Plata. This important declaration was signed for Uruguay by Foreign Minister Homero MARTINEZ MONTERO and for Argentina by Ambassador Gabriel DEL MAZO. The boundary thus established is an imaginary line extending south from Punta del Este in the Department of Maldonado, Uruguay, to Punta Rasa of Cabo San Antonio, in the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The declaration made it clear that its only application was to establish this exterior limit and that the protocol of Ramirez-Saenz Peña of 1910 would still apply to navigational and other rights of the two countries in the Rio de la Plata.

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COMMENT: The settlement of the problem of jurisdiction of the waters of the Rio de la Plata has long been a matter of great concern to the GOU. In fact, one of the primary reasons the deceased leader of the Herreristas (present GOU), Luis Alberto HERRERA selected Lt. Martinez Montero for the position of Foreign Minister was because of his knowledge of international law on this subject. Although the larger problems of internal river jurisdiction are not yet settled, the establishment of this limit is an important first step and will serve as a base for future agreements. In the present atmosphere of friendly Argentina/Uruguay relations, it is felt that the entire matter may well be settled during the course of the present Blanco administration.

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## 2. Conflict in the Ministry of Foreign Relations.

For over a week there have been reports that there is serious disagreement between the Minister of Foreign Relations Homero MARTINEZ MONTERO and the Under-Secretary Dr. Mateo Jorge MAGARIÑOS de MELLO. The Foreign Minister is said to have asked for Dr. Magariños' resignation and the latter is reported to have refused to do so. According to the rumors, Dr. Magariños' refusal to resign is based upon supposed support from Eduardo Victor HAEDO, who will become President of the NCG, March 1, and of the daughter of Dr. Luis Alberto HERRERA, the deceased former head of the Blanco Party. It is said that this question will be finally decided by the NCG.

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COMMENT: It is known that there has been a certain amount of conflict between the Foreign Minister and the Under-Secretary. It has been reported previously (cf. WEEKKA No. 41, 10/13/60 and Emb Desp 335, 10/17/60) that Dr. Magariños last October threatened to resign as a result of NCG's disapproval of part of the program planned with the participation of Dr. Magariños for the observance of Columbus Day. On that occasion, the Foreign Minister did not support Dr. Magariños before the NCG.

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## 3. Second Conference for Amnesty for the Political Prisoners of Spain and Portugal.

From January 27 to 29, Montevideo was the site of the Second Pan American Conference for Amnesty for the Political Prisoners of Spain and Portugal. The conference meetings, which were held in the auditorium at the University of the Republic, were attended by delegates from ten countries from North, South, and Central America, plus representatives from Spain and Portugal. The total number of delegates was estimated to be in excess of 500 with more than 300 of these from countries other than Uruguay. Uruguayan Deputy Hierro Gambardella (Dist 15 Colorado) was elected president of the conference at its opening session on January 27.

The greater part of the three-day meeting was devoted to a series of impassioned speeches from the attending delegates and the adoption of numerous

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